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Sir:


Pursuant to applicant's continuing duty of disclosure, it is respectfully requested that the disclosures cited in the annexed Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application.

Copies of the Foreign Patent and Other Non-Patent Documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. An English language abstract of FR 2,580,504 is attached for the Examiner's reference. SU 1,323,090 appears to relate to a surgical device for clamping tissue while SU 594,960 appears to relate to an instrument for destructing intrauterine symphyses.

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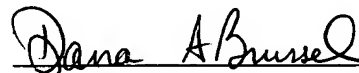
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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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